wherein a flow channel projects into the intermediate chamber and guide means are provided therein to divert the gas flow.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A spark gap arrangement for use in power systems, particularly in low-voltage systems. The spark gap arrangement includes an arcing chamber in which an electric arc is formed between two electrodes of the spark gap. An intermediate chamber is provided downstream of the arcing chamber. The intermediate chamber has a much greater volume than the arcing chamber. A pressure-proof flow channel, preferably including metal, is provided as the connection between the arcing chamber and the intermediate chamber.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice. During International Preliminary Examination, original claims 1-19, were replaced with amended claims 1-9. Accordingly, since an English translation of the annexes (containing amended claims 1-9) is being filed simultaneously herewith, claims 1-9 remain pending. By the present Preliminary Amendment claims 1-9 have been cancelled and new claims 10-18 have been presented for examination. New claims 10-18 are believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure,